

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-06 IO-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 PM-03 H-01

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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7917

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 1758

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, EWWT, IMCO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GROUNDING OF JAPANESE TANKER

SHOWA MARU

REF: STATE 029561

1. ON BASIS OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITHIN GOJ, SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL POLICY DIRECTOR SAIKI TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE BELIEVES GOJ HAS NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES WITH APPROACH OUTLINED REFTEL. (FORMAL GOJ REPLY COB FEB 10 PRECLUDED BY LATENESS OF RECEIPT REFTEL AND FACT THAT FEB 11 IS JAPANESE HOLIDAY). SAIKI SAID FORMAL REPLY MAY BE AVAILABLE FEB 12, BUT ADVISED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IF USG PROCEEDED WITH DEMARCHE.

2. FONOFF PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO GOS POSITION. GOJ

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FEARS TGQAT GOI WILL DISTORT USG DEMARCHE, CONFUSE SAFETY

ISSUE WITH LEGAL STATUS OF MALACCA/SINGAPORE STRAITS,  
AND UNDERCUT SINGAPORE'S CAUTIOUS STANCE ON IMPOSITION  
OF NAVIGATION CONTROLS.  
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